

CONNECTING WITH CALVARY CHURCH

Updates on life at Calvary Church in Williams Lake, B.C.

Weekly Events:

Sunday Morning Worship - 10am - All are welcome!

Join us Sunday mornings for our weekly worship service, in person or online. Pre-service prayer starts at 9:20am.

Awaken Kid's Ministry - During our Sunday service

All children ages 2 - Grade 5 are invited downstairs to worship, learn & have fun together!

Monday Night Bible Study - 7pm - church basement

Currently studying the book of Luke. All are welcome. Last meeting for the year will be Dec. 15th.

"Shield" Youth Ministry - Tues 6:30-8:45pm - church basement

For more information & to get a copy of the youth calendar, contact Pastor Brad.

Young Adults - 6pm every 2nd Wed - offsite

We are off for the month of December due to Christmas. Our next gathering will be a fun night in Jan. Contact the church office for more details.

Weekly Prayer Night - Wed 6:30pm - church basement

Our prayer group meets in the lower auditorium. Come on out! Last meeting for the year will be Dec 17th.

Discipleship Class - Wed 3-4pm or 7-8pm - prayer room

Join Pastor Monte as he leads these 4 week classes discussing foundations of faith. Afternoon classes or evening classes are offered. Contact the office for details.

Club 56 (Pre-teens) - 6-7pm 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month

Meet at Chilcotin Road Elementary School. Pre-teens in grades 5 & 6 are welcome to come out for fun, fellowship & learning about Jesus!

Slow Down This Christmas

Thoughts from Pastor Monte

The Christmas season has begun! Every year, it feels like the time between Christmas seasons grows shorter. I believe some of that acceleration is due to the busyness of the season itself. It's interesting how a celebration that is meant to be a time for families and friends to slow down, pause, and enjoy one another's presence and celebrate the coming of Jesus, is, in reality, one of the craziest and busiest times of the entire year.

We have no one to blame but ourselves; we've allowed culture and outside pressures to influence us into making it such a busy season. I encourage you this Christmas to exercise one of the most powerful words in the English language: "No."

Take some time to reflect on the upcoming season. Assess the priorities on your schedule: What gives you life? What feels draining? Then, say "No" to the draining events, or focus on simplifying rather than people-pleasing. We need to give ourselves permission to slow down. People may push back, but if they truly care for you, they will understand.

Once you have said "No" to what drains you, follow that up with a "Yes" to those things that bring joy and life. When we slow down, allow ourselves to breathe, and simplify things, something amazing happens: we find life, joy, peace, and hope.

Christmas is a season to reflect on the coming of Jesus, our Savior and our God. Let us not forget that in Matthew 11:28-30, Jesus reminds us that He came to give us rest: *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."*

Let's make this Christmas season one to remember by slowing down and truly experiencing the love of family, friends, and our Savior.



Something to Think About

"A little child, a shining star, a stable rude, the door ajar. Yet in that place, so crude, forlorn, the Hope of all the world was born."

- Anonymous

"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern."

- Mother Teresa

"Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world."

- C.S. Lewis

"Christmas is doing a little something extra for someone."

- Charles M. Schulz

"I am the light that has come into the world so that everyone who believes in me will not live in the dark."

- Jesus - from John 12:46

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

- Isaiah 9:6

"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David, a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.'"

- Luke 2:10-11

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

- Luke 2:14



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News & Notes

Food Hamper Drive

Each year around Christmas we collect dried goods to give away to families in need in our church. Please bring new, unopened food items to the church by Dec 15th.

Community Dinner

Join us on Wed, Dec 3rd at 5:15pm for our Christmas Community Dinner. This will be our last dinner until the new year. Everyone is welcome!

Kids Christmas Presentation

Sunday, Dec 7th at 10am, our Kids Ministry will be showcasing their Christmas presentation. Join us for our morning worship and celebrate Christmas with the kids!

Christmas Presentation- Unexpected

You and your family are invited to join us on Dec 14th at 6pm for a night of songs, skits, giveaways and more. Christmas is a great time to invite family and friends, so we encourage you to think and pray about who God wants you to invite to a Christmas event this year.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Wed, Dec 24th at 6pm we are holding our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight service. This one hour service is always a special time to celebrate the birth of our Saviour.

Church Office Closed

The church will be closed for the Christmas holidays on the following dates: Wed, Dec 24th, Thurs, Dec 25th, Thurs, Jan 1st.

Seniors Village Service

Every second Sunday of the month at 2:30pm, our church hosts a service at the Retirement Concepts Seniors Village. If you are interested in helping out, we encourage you to contact the church for more information.

Christmas Decorating

A big thank you to everyone who came out and helped us decorate our church for Christmas. We could not have done it without you!



CALVARY CHURCH FINANCIAL UPDATE

Up to October 31, 2025

General Fund	Actual	Budget
Income:	\$353,308	\$282,195
Expense:	\$287,878	\$298,034
Missions Fund	Actual	Budget
Income:	\$12,712	\$12,000
Expense:	\$12,000	\$12,000

Ways to Give

e-transfer: giving@calvarychurchwl.com

in person: debit, cash, cheque